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Course information

Course#		Course title			
0116108		English Communication Skills 2			English nmunication Skills 101 0116107)
Course type			Class ti	me	Room #
□ University Requirement		ent Faculty Requirement			
☐ Major Requ	iirement	☐ Elective ☐ Compulsory			

Instructor Information

Name	Office No.	Phone No.	Office Hours	E-mail

Course Delivery Method

Course Delivery Method						
☑Physical ☐ Online ☐ Blended						
	Learnin	ng Model				
Precentage	Precentage Synchronous Asynchronous Physical					
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Course Description

English Skills 102 is an advanced course that builds on and expands the reading, listening, speaking, critical thinking, and writing capabilities that students developed in English 101. This course intends to develop student' critical listening skills and by the end of the course, learners will be able to understand standard spoken language, live or broadcast on both familiar and unfamiliar topics normally encountered in personal, social, academic, or vocational life. Furthermore, students are expected to understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both concrete and abstract topics delivered in standard speech, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization.

The course would help students to read with a large degree of independence, adapting styles and speed of reading to different texts and purposes, and using appropriate reference sources selectively.

The course stresses the skill of speaking and aims at prompting students' ability to use the language fluently, accurately and effectively on a wide range of general, academic, vocational or leisure topics, marking clearly the relation between ideas. Moreover, students are expected to communicate spontaneously adopting a level of formality appropriate to the circumstances.

The course prepares students to meet the challenges of professional oral communication through prepared presentations which provides students with the opportunity to develop the necessary skills for public speaking and the tools to be effective communicators in English.

Furthermore, it includes critical analysis, interpretation and evaluation of various reading texts along with writing opinion essays, a personal statement, summary of an article and online comments. It also exposes students to a variety of communication styles and modes and helps students. In addition to this, it establishes a supportive environment for sharing ideas and facilitate discussion of delicate issues, showing appreciation of different perspectives, encouraging students to explore issues and adjusting sensitively the way he/she expresses things.

Course Learning Outcomes

Number	Outcomes	Corresponding Program outcomes
	Knowledge	
K1	Visual Sources of Knowledge & Background Knowledge Look at compelling images which open every unit, introduce the theme and enrich student's knowledge about the topic.	K1
K2	Can understand and use the main technical terminology of his/her field, when discussing his/her area of specialization with other specialists. Has a good range of vocabulary for matters connected to his/her field and most general topics. Can vary formulation to avoid frequent repetition, but lexical gaps can still cause hesitation and circumlocution. Can produce the appropriate collocations of many words in most contexts fairly systematically.	
К3	Reading Comprehension Read a variety of texts at the upper-intermediate level and master reading comprehension skills. Become familiar with some critical thinking skills important for professional English, such as close reading, making claims and justifications, weighing different perspectives and weighing the evidence.	K2
	Skills	

S1	Reading Comprehension Apply reading comprehension skills, including pre-reading skills, making predictions, skim-reading, scan-reading, reading beyond the lines and other skills. Read correspondence relating to his/her field of interest and readily grasp the essential meaning. Understand what is said in a personal email or posting even where some colloquial language is used. Scan quickly through several sources (articles, reports, websites, books, etc.) in parallel, in both his/her own field and in related fields, and can identify the relevance and usefulness of particular sections for the task at hand. Scan quickly through long and complex texts, locating relevant details. Quickly identify the content and relevance of news items, articles and reports on a wide range of professional topics, deciding whether closer study is worthwhile.	S1
S2	Speaking and Real Life Situations Establish a relationship with interlocutors through sympathetic questioning and expressions of agreement, plus, if appropriate, comments about third parties or shared conditions.	S2
	Indicate reservations and reluctance, state conditions when agreeing to requests or granting permission, and ask for understanding of his/her own position.	
	Engage in extended conversation on most general topics in a clearly participatory fashion, even in a noisy environment.	
	Convey degrees of emotion and highlight the personal significance of events and experiences.	
	Speak about a variety of topics selected by instructors or students, relevant to the topics covered in the course, and preparing proper projects and presentations.	
	Prepare well-designed professional presentations	
	Practice role play and simulations	
	Practice pair and teamwork	
	Speak English free from mistakes and using functional English in a variety of formal and informal situations, such as reacting to stories, narrating incidents, reporting news, describing skills, talents and experience, and finally getting around a new place or touristic attraction.	

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S3	Listening Keep up with an animated conversation between speakers of the target language.	S3
	Can with some effort catch much of what is said around him/her, but may find it difficult to participate effectively in discussion with several speakers of the target language who do not modify their speech in any way.	
	Can identify the main reasons for and against an argument or idea in a discussion conducted in clear standard speech.	
	Can follow chronological sequence in extended informal speech, e.g. in a story or anecdote.	
	Can follow the essentials of lectures, talks, reports, and other forms of academic/professional presentation which are propositionally and linguistically complex.	
	Can understand the speaker's point of view on topics that are of current interest or that relate to his/her specialized field, provided that the talk is delivered in standard spoken language.	
S7	Watching Videos Apply the skills of watching videos supported by BEFORE, WHILE and AFTER viewing activities.	
S8	Can write an essay or report that develops an argument systematically with appropriate highlighting of significant points and relevant supporting detail. Can write a detailed description of a complex process. Can evaluate different ideas or solutions to a problem. Can write an essay or report which develops an argument, giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view and explaining the advantages and disadvantages of various options. Can synthesize information and arguments from a number of sources. Can write formal correspondence such as letters of enquiry, request, application and complaint with appropriate register, structure and conventions. Can in most cases understand idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms in correspondence and other written communications and use the most common ones him/herself as appropriate to the situation.	
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	Competencies	
C1	Critical Thinking Apply critical thinking skills in various situations. Evaluate and make analyses of knowledge, presented in English-written texts, audios and videos. Express opinions and make judgments in professional and personal situations.	C1
C2	 establish a supportive environment for sharing ideas and facilitate discussion of delicate issues, showing appreciation of different perspectives, encouraging people to explore issues and adjusting sensitively the way he/she expresses things. build upon other's ideas, making suggestions for ways forward. convey the main content of well-structured but long and propositionally complex texts on subjects within his/her fields of professional, academic and personal interest, clarifying the opinions and purposes of speakers. convey detailed information and arguments reliably, e.g. the significant point(s) contained in complex but well structured texts within his/her fields of professional, academic and personal interest. 	C2

Learning Resources

Course textbook	Hendra, Leslie Anne, Ibbotson, Mark & O'Dell, Kathryn (2020). Evolve B2. Cambridge University Press.
Supporting References	 Writing References: 1. Frank, O'Hare & Robert Funk (2000). The Modern Writer's Handbook. Allyn & Bacon Speaking References: 1. Theibert, Philip. (2003). How to Give a Damn Good Speech. Jaico Publishing House Reading References: 1. Goatly, Andrew.(2000). Critical Reading and Writing: An Introductory Case Book. Routledge.
Supporting websites	www.cambridgeone.org.
Teaching Environment	⊠Classroom ⊠laboratory □Learning platform □Other

Meetings and subjects timetable

Topics	Exercises	Page number	Tasks	Online Tasks	Material	Weeks
Orientation/ Drop and Add						Week 1 5/3-9/3
Start speaking	A, B, C, D	1				
1.1 Language in Context Life Changes	A, B, C	2			Course Book	
Vocabulary: Facing Challenges	A, C	2	B / page 141 ex. 1.1.	Vocabulary presentation + Vocabulary practice	Course book and Digital workbook	Week 2 12/3-
Grammar (Present Habits)	A, C, D	3		Grammar presentation+ Grammar practice	Digital workbook	15/3
Speaking	A	3				
1.2 Language in Context Reading (Memory Lane)	A, B	4				
Vocabulary: Describing annoying Things	A, B, D	4	C /page 141 ex. 1.2.	Vocabulary presentation + vocabulary practice	Digital Workbook	Week 3
Grammar : Past habits	A, C			Grammar presentation+ Grammar practice		22/3
Speaking	A	5	Expert speaker			
1.3 Listening (Upgrade)	A, B, C, D	6		Listening	Audio+ Digital Workbook	
Speaking Skills	A,B, C	7				
Speaking	A	7				Week 4
1.4 Reading Back to Basics	A, B, C	8		Reading and reading preparation	Textbook and digital workbook	26/3- 29/3
Writing	A, B, C, D, E	9	Writing an opinion essay	1.4 Writing skills		
1.5 Speaking: Time to Speak Blast from the Past	A, B, C, D, E, F	10		Watch and listen 1+ 2 Focus on		Week 5
Diast from the Past				language		week 3
						2/4-5/4

Useful Phrases		10	Check your Progress Page 153			
Video: Documentary 1 Out of Our hands				Video Documentary 1: Out of Our hands	Video	
Start Speaking	A, B, C	21	Expert Speaker		Course Book	
3.1 Language in Context Power in Quiet	A, B, C	22		1.1 Describing personality 1, 2, 3, 4		Week 6 9/4-
Vocabulary	A, C	22	B (page 142 ex. 3.1.			12/4
Grammar	С	23				
Speaking	A	23				
3.2 Language in Context Things and Emotions	A, B, C	24				
Vocabulary Strong Emotions	A, B, C	25	Expert Speaker	Lesson 1.2 Things and Emotions		
Speaking	A	25				Week 7
3.3 Listening Asking for Favors	A, B, C, D, E, F	26		1.3 Asking for favors	Audio	16/4- 19/4
Speaking Skills	A, B	27	С			
Speaking	A	27				
Eid Al-Fitter						Week
						8 23/4-
The Mid Exams						26/4 16/4-
						30/4
3.4 Reading The Right Job for Me	A,B, C, D	28 + 29		1.4 The Right Job for Me		Week 9 30/4-
Writing	A, B, C, D,	29	Writing a			3/5 Week
Wilding	E, F	2)	personal			9+
			statement			Week
						10
						30/4-
						3/5
						7/5-
						10/5
3.5 Time to Speak Getting the Job	A, B, C, D	30				Week 10
Useful Phrases		30	Check			7/5-
			your			10/5
			Progress (153)			

Video: Documentary 3 How Different are we really are?				Video: Documentary 3 How Different are we really are?	Video	
Start Speaking	A, B, C	33	Expert Speaker			Week 11
4.1 Language in Context It Takes a Team	A, B	34				14/5- 17/5
Vocabulary: Professional Relationships	A, C	34	B (page 143, ex. 4.1)	Vocabulary presentation + vocabulary practice		
Speaking	A	35	Expert Speaker			
4.2 Language in Context Destructive Teams	A, B, C	36				Week 12 21/5-
Vocabulary: Assessing Ideas	A, C	36	B (page 144, ex. 4.2.)	Vocabulary Presentation+ vocabulary practice	Digital Workbook	24/5
Speaking	A	37				
4.3 Listening	A, B, C, D	38			Audio	
Speaking Skills	A	39	B (page 157, 159)			
Speaking	A	39				
4.4 Reading The Me Team	A, B, C, D, E	40		Reading preparation	Digital Workbook	Week 13
Writing	A, B, C, D, E	41	Writing a Summary			28/5- 31/5
4.5 Time to Speak The Big Event	A, B, C, D, E	42				Week 14
Useful Phrases		42	Check your Progress (page 154)			4/6-7/6
Video: Documentary 4 The Forest Guards				Video: Documentary 4 The Forest Guards	Video	
Start Speaking	A, B, C	43	Expert Speaker			Week 14
5.1 Language in Context Imitating Reality	A, B, C	44	•			4/6-7/6
Vocabulary : Dealing with Emotions	A, B, D	44	C (Page 144, ex. 5.1)	Vocabulary presentation	Digital Workbook	
Speaking	A	45	Expert Speaker			

5.2 Language in	A, B, C	46				Week
Context						15
The End of the Office						11/6-
Vocabulary:	A, C	46	B (page	Vocabulary	Digital	14/6
Willingness and			145, ex.	presentation	Workbook	
Unwillingness			5.2.)			
Speaking	A	47				
The Final Exams						Week
						16
						18/6-
						21/6

Course Contributing to Learner Skill Development

Using Technology

- 1. Using the Internet to search for information.
- 2. Using applications for playing various games that would help learn English.
- 3. Expanding students' ability to use audios, videos and images to prepare presentations.
- 4. Using the digital workbook which is offered to students on Cambridge one platform

Communication skills

- 1.Becoming competent in terms of communication skills in personal and professional contexts.
- 2. Working collaboratively with people from different backgrounds, creating a positive atmosphere by giving support, asking questions to identify common goals, comparing options for how to achieve them, and explaining suggestions for what to do next.
- 3. further develop other people's ideas, pose questions that invite reactions from different perspectives and propose a solution or next steps.

Application of concepts learnt

- 1. Reading, analyzing and appreciating English texts at the post-intermediate level.
- 2. Using English words, phrases, idioms and expressions properly.
- 3. Becoming able of self-expression using the English language.
- 4. Listening to and understanding English audios and watching English documentaries and films.
- 5. Mastering formal writing required in different contexts.

Assessment Methods and Grade Distribution

Assessment Methods	Grade Weight	Assessment Time (Week No.)	Link to Course Outcomes
Mid Term Exam	30%	Weeks seven &	K1, K2
(week 8)		Eight	S1, S3
16/4-30/4			C 1, C3
Various Assessments *	30%	Throughout the	
		Semester	
Final Exam	40%	Week Sixteen	K1, K2
(week 16)			S1, S3
18/6-21/6			C 1, C3
Total	100%		

Alignment of Course Outcomes with Learning and Assessment Methods

Number	Learning Outcomes	Learning Method*	Assessment Method**				
	Knowledge						
K1	Students will be able to understand and scan different reading passages for information and details.	Group Discussions Project-Based Learning	Mid Term Exam Final Exam				
K2	Students will be able to understand various listening tasks, take notes and find details and main ideas.	Lectures Collaborative Learning Role play	Quizzes Homework Individual or group Project Presentation				
К3	Use the vocabulary they learnt in other similar contexts	Flipped Class	Peer assessment Reference assessment Digital workbook				
K4							
	Skills						
S1	Read texts more efficiently and think critically about different topics		Videotaped assignments				
	Apply reading comprehension skills such as skim-reading, scan-reading, reading beyond the lines and other skills so as to eventually become excellent at evaluation		In-Class Assignmen Out of class assignment				
S2	Use English in real-life situations		Reports				
S3	Use language functions such as request and agreement in different contexts						

S4	Students will be able to write a personal statement, write summaries as well as organized coherent opinion and descriptive essays.	
	Competencies	
C1	Apply critical thinking techniques in various contexts Evaluate and analyze knowledge, presented in texts, audios and videos. Express opinions and make judgments in professional and personal situations.	
C2	Be able to communicate with English native speakers and other English learners in personal and professional contexts.	

Course Polices

Policy	Policy Requirements						
Passing Grade	The minimum passing grade for the course is (50%) and the minimum final mark						
	recorded on transcript is (35%).						
	Missing an exam without a valid excuse will result in a zero grade to be assigned						
	to the exam or assessment.						
Missing	A Student who misses an exam or scheduled assessment, for a legitimate reason,						
Exams	must submit an official written excuse within a week from the exam or						
	assessment due date.						
	A student who has an excuse for missing a final exam should submit the excuse						
	to the dean within three days of the missed exam date.						
Attendance	The student is not allowed to be absent more than (15%) of the total hours						
	prescribed for the course, which equates to six lectures days (M, W) and seven						
	lectures (S,T,R). If the student misses more than (15%) of the total hours prescribed						
	for the course without a satisfactory excuse accepted by the dean of the faculty,						
	s/he will be prohibited from taking the final exam and the grade in that course is						
	considered (zero), but if the absence is due to illness or a compulsive excuse						
	accepted by the dean of the college, then withdrawal grade will be recorded.						
Academic	Philadelphia University pays special attention to the issue of academic integrity,						
Honesty	and the penalties stipulated in the university's instructions are applied to those who						
	are proven to have committed an act that violates academic integrity, such as:						
	cheating, plagiarism (academic theft), collusion, and violating intellectual property						
	rights.						

Program Learning Outcomes to be assessed in this Course

Number	Learning Outcome	Course Title	Assessment Method	Target Performance level
K1 S1 C1	Students will be able to understand and scan different reading passages for information and details. Think critically about different topics. Express opinions and make judgments in professional and personal situations. Write , write summaries as well as organized and coherent opinion and descriptive essays.	English Communication Skills 2	Exams Quizzes Projects, presentations reports	Proficient in English Speak accurately and fluently

Description of Program Learning Outcome Assessment Method

Mid-Term Exam (Multiple Choice Questions)

The mid-term exam contains 20, 25, or 30 questions, totaling 30 points.

Final Exam (Multiple choice questions)

The final exam contains 20, 30 or 40 questions, totaling 40 marks.

1. Basic Notions (Reading & Vocabulary)

The aim of the questions in this part is to evaluate the required minimal student knowledge and skills.

2. Familiar Problems Solving (Writing)

The aim of the questions in this part is to evaluate that the student has some basic knowledge of the key aspects of the lecture material and can attempt to solve familiar problems.

3. Unfamiliar Problems Solving (An Unseen Passage and Critical Thinking)

Objectives. The aim of the questions in this part is to evaluate that the student can solve familiar problems with ease and can make progress towards the solution of unfamiliar problems, and can set out reasoning and explanation in a clear and coherent manner.

Participation: (30) points

3 Quizzes :15 points (one of them can be an assignment)

Speaking Exam: (oral presentation) 10 points

Participation: 5 points

Rubric of the Program Learning Outcome

A Speaking Rubric for the Presentation

Student's Number	(4 points)	(3 points)	(3 points)	Total (10)
	Preparing Material	The Ability to	The Ability to Answer the	
	for the Speaking	Speak Very Good	Examiner's Questions &	
	Exam	English with	Express Personal Pieces of	
	Including:	Only Minor	Opinions	
	Choice of Topic	Mistakes		
	&			
	Visual Aids			

A Speaking Rubric for the Real Life Situations

Student's	(1 point)	(2 points)	(2 points)	Total
Number	Student's	The Accuracy of	Language	
	Willingness to	Expressions	Fluency &	
	Take Initiative	_	Accuracy	